August 6.

PRAISES FOR GLOUCESTER FISHERMEN.

Dr. Grenfell Writes Complimentary Letter to Chaplain Tuttle.

Chaplain Alpheus E. Tuttle of the Gloucester Fishermen's Institute, recently forwarded a communication to Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, who has done so much for seafaring men, at the many missions which he has been connected with and also more particularly along the Labrador coast, asking his opinion of Gloucester fishermen.

There could be little doubt of the reply, judging from the local experience, still it is most gratifying to receive words of commendation about the hardy toilers of the deep from a man who has known them for years, met them under all sorts of conditions, and away from home when they are presumed to be more free and careless of their conduct.

The reply of Dr. Grenfell is here presented without further comment. It speaks for itself and its tone conveys only just what the people of Gloucester have always felt, was the true, unbiased character, behavior and attitude of those men in whom the city takes such pardonable pride.

My dear Mr. Tuttle:—Thank you for your letter, you amuse me somewhat for asking me my opinion of Gloucester fishermen. If they were the personification of evil, I should only all the more be in favor of your work, for having been the father of quite a number of fishermen's institutes myself, it would be denying my life-work if I were not to commend with every power I possess the work you are endeavoring to do.

Moreover you have come to the right place to ask for an opinion of fishermen of any kind. I think sometimes I ought to have scales by now on my own back I have lived so long amongst them, and have known them from the Bay of Biscay to the coasts of Norway and Iceland, and from the south coast of Ireland to Hudson Bay Straits.

I shall never go back on them, they are my environment and my friends. I have known them under every condition, in fair weather and foul, with a good weather guage, and high and dry on a lee shore. I have known them in sickness and in health, in prosperity and the depths of poverty, and yet it has been my lot in life to move periodically among some of the most highly educated minds on both sides of the Atlantic.

Without the very slightest reserve or hesitation I say that I have no wish to change my environment while life lasts. When a fisherman is your friend you have nothing more to desire in the line of friendship. When you are in a tight corner, I can conceive of no class of men that will more willingly sacrifice themselves for your sake. My memory teems with the forlorn hopes that they have led. When it comes to hospitality I have known them to share not merely with me, but with poverty stricken neighbors, unable ever to repay the debt, the last pan of flour in the barrel. When it comes to endurance, resourcefulness, self reliance, can you suggest any class of men who can present a larger percentage of men above the average than these very same fishermen?

And to me by no means least of all, what class of men preserve as well, that God-given genius of our English-speaking race, the genius for the sea? I need not dwell in a letter that will be read by an American audience on the value of sea-power. Among what section of all your vast country, from Alaska to South Carolina, from Palm Beach to Portland, can be found a class of men who, possess and cultivate this so eminently, as do the world known men of the famous fishing fleet from Gloucester?

To me the best gift of God to man, is the opportunity He merits him during his brief span of life on earth to serve his fellow man. To me it is a life-long source of gratitude that I am permitted to serve the modern representatives of the Norse Vikings, the Basque sailors, and the seamen of the 16th century.

From what I know of your work it is your privilege to be endeavoring to help in a common sense, and at the same time most commendable manner, a class of Americans to whom the help you seek to give is far more valuable than they are aware of. But this is always the case and is always to be expected.

Fishermen need the real Christ today as much as they did way down in Galilee, and what is more though we cannot give one thousandth part of what the Christ was willing to give for their sakes, a life long experience teaches me, and ever makes the conviction more sure, they are well worth any outlay we can make, and my own only regret is, that I have not had more wisdom, more courage, and more means at my disposal to do things as I should have liked to have done them.

Gloucester fishermen are worth everything you and your friends can put in for them, as seamen and fishermen they are unsurpassed today, in my opinion. But I repeat that they need, in my opinion all of the living Christ that you can bring into their lives.

May God bless you in your work. You have my heartiest sympathy.

Believe me sincerely yours,

WILFRED T. GRENFELL, M.D.

August 8.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. John Hays Hammond and Clintonia arrived at Liverpool Friday last and cleared for fishing.

Sch. Margie Smith bound for North Bay mackerel hooking, arrived at Hawkesbury, C. B., on Friday and cleared.

Good Stock.

Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Percy Firth, that was absent but 18 days on a drifting handline trip made a fine stock of $2100. Capt. Firth is making a fine record in securing a good fare each time.

Codfish Sales.

The fare of 130,000 pounds of fresh cod of sch. Morning Star was sold to Cunningham & Thompson, and the fare of salt cod of sch. Arethusa went to thisfirm, who own the vessel.

August 8.

BOSTON RECEIPTS NOT EXCESSIVE.

But Prices Made Advance Over Last Week.

Fish receipts at Boston today while showing an improvement over that of Friday and Saturday are hardly sufficient to supply demand. Prices, however, show an advance all along the line from last week, and swordfish of which there are four fares are two cents higher than last sales.

The steam trawler Spray is in again today with a fine fare of 50,000 pounds of haddock and has only been out three days. This craft has been making a phenomenal record the past six months.

Sch. Quannapowitt has the banner trip of the morning, hailing for 100,000 pounds, and at the prices paid will make a handsome stock and share.

Most of the vessels in today are from off shore, but none have very large trips, so that dealers can take care of them and have a clean market for tomorrow.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Lafayette, 58 swordfish.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 30 swordfish.
Sch. Hockomock, 57 swordfish.
Sch. Lochinvar, 18 swordfish.
Sch. Eva Avina, 5000 cod, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Wodan, 1900 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 24,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 5000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 11,000 pollock.
Steamer Spray, 50,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Quonnapowit, 100,000 cod.
Sch. Emily Sears, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Diana, 5000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 10,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 30,000 hake.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 1000 cod, 2500 pollock.

Haddock, $2.50 to $3.50; large cod, $4; market cod, $2.50 to $3.50; hake, $1.25 to $2; pollock, $2.25; swordfish, 14½c per pound.

WILL GO TO NORTH BAY.

Three More of the Seining Fleet Arrive Home.

Three more of the mackerel seiners have arrived since last report and the prospects on this shore have not brightened. The skippers of the vessels in port today have cruised all along the coast without taking any fish and in fact have seen none of any consequence.

Only four or five more remain out and they are liable to return at any time. The three vessels in today will now fit for North Bay where prospects they think are good for procuring a trip. Reports from various places along the Nova Scotia coast convey the news of some mackerel being taken.

The Canadian Fish Bureau of Saturday last report a few mackerel being taken at Canso, but plenty squid, not only there but at other places along the coast.

August 8.

THREE FARES AT THIS PORT.

Include Salt and Fresh Cod and Halibut.

Receipts of fish at this port today include three good fares, one having all salt fish, one all fresh fish and the other part fresh and part salt fish. Sch. Morning Star from a shack trip has 130,000 pounds of fresh cod, sch. Claudia from a Western bank trip with 50,000 lbs. fresh fish, 25,000 lbs. salt cod and 1000 lbs. halibut, and sch. Arethusa has 260,000 pounds of salt cod, caught on the trawls on various grounds from Virgin Rocks to Strait of Belle Isle.

Steamer Beatrice E., one of the shore seiners, landed yesterday 37 barrels of bluebacks.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Arethusa, St. Peter's Bank, 260,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Morning Star, Quero Bank, 130,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Claudia, Western Bank, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 50,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Arthur James, seining.

Sch. Electric Flash, seining.

Steamer Beatrice E., 37 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Emerald, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Valentinna, swordfishing.
Sch. M. Madelicne, swordfishing.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, swordfishing.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, Boston.
Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.
Sch. Buena, haddocking.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
Sch. Slade Gorton, shacking.
Sch. Dictator, halibuting.
Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

Handline Georges cod, large, $4 per cwt.; medium, $3.37½.

Traw Georges cod, large, $3.75 per cwt.; medium, $3.25.

Trawl bank cod, large, $3.35 per cwt.; medium, $3.

Drift Georges cod, large, $3.75 per cwt.; medium, $3.37½.

Salt cusk, large, $2.50 per cwt.; medium, $2.

Salt haddock, $1.25 per cwt.

Salt hake, $1.25 per cwt.

Salt pollock, $1.25 per cwt.

Dory handline cod, large, $3.75 per cwt.; medium, $3.37 1-2.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Western cod, large, $2.25 per cwt.; medium, $1.75.

Eastern cod, large, $1.90 per cwt.; medium, $1.55; snappers, 60 cts.

Western Bank cod, large $2.12 1-2 per cwt..; medium, $165.

Cusk, large, $1.60 per cwt.; medium, $1.20; snappers, 50 cts

Hadock, $1 per cwt.; hake, $1.05 per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

August 9.

Fishermen Bothered for Bait.

Few of the Portuguese fishermen got in for the Boston fish market yesterday. Some of them left Provincetown Friday night immediately after the ceremonies of the dedication of the monument, but the larger part of the vessels had to wait for bait, and some of the vessels that had gone to the cape town to allow the members of the crew to witness the dedication of the monument came back across the bay to Nahant to get bait.

Bait did not show up at Provincetown, and the vessels that remained there were obliged to take frozen bait rather than continue their stay. The Regina, which Capt. "Jere" Shea had sailed to Provincetown that the crew might witness the dedication ceremonies, was one of the vessels that needed bait. Sunday the Philomena came into T wharf with over 100 barrels of bait. She had just landed when Capt. Shea telephoned from Provincetown asking if he could get bait, and when he learned that there might be some at Nahant he sailed for there, and the Philomena went there to bait his vessel.

August 8.

FROM SECOND SALT BANK TRIP.

Sch. Arethusa Has Been Absent Only Nine Weeks.

The water front habitues were surprised this morning when they saw rounding Dog Bar breakwater, sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, from a second Grand Bank codfish trip. It was only nine weeks ago when Capt. Morrissey sailed from here on his second trip after landing a fare of 414,000 pounds on the first.

Today he hails for 250,000 pounds but it has always been the custom of Capt. Morrissey to hail under instead of over, and his trips always run from 15,000 to 20,000 above his estimate, so it is predicted that he will weigh off from 260,000 to 275,000 pounds.

On leaving home the first day of June, he went to Newfoundland where he secured a first caplin baiting, and succeeded in taking 432 tubs. On the second baiting, which was used on the eastern part of Grand bank, he did not find as good fishing. After he had used his bait he expected to find squid on the ground, but none was found, so he had to go to the land again. On returning he fished on St. Peter's bank where he found some fish, but no bait. He then concluded to come home and land his fare and refit for a third trip.

The only unfortunate event of the trip was the loss of two of his crew by the swamping of their dory as reported elsewhere.

On leaving St. Peter's bank a week ago today, he saw the dory handliners Alice R. Lawson with 250,000 pounds of cod, Maxine Elliott with 175,000 pounds, Gossip with 135,000 pounds and Premier with 40,000 pounds. He also saw the shackers Natalie J. Nelson, Mooanam, Theodore Roosevelt, Rob Roy and Flora S. Nickerson. They also had been waiting for squid to strike on the ground, but as they did not make their appearance, they went to the land after bait, which also was scarce at most places in Newfoundland.

The record of Capt. Morrissey has never been surpassed by any one from this port in the codfishery for the two trips will give him near 700,000 pounds and plenty time is left to make another full trip. In fact it is just the time when the best fishing is expected and Capt. Morrissey stands to surpass all records made in the codfishery either on the Atlantic or Pacific coast.

August 9.

NORTH BAY MACKEREL FLEET.

Will Consist of Eight or Ten Vessels From Here.

Two more seiners have arrived since yesterday noon and have the same story to tell of the mackerel scarcity. They cruised all over the ground and did not see any fish and they will now discontinue seining so far as this shore is concerned.

There will be eight or 10 vessels go to North Bay and great hopes are entertained for their success down there this fall.

Reports from the provincial coast are quite favorable at this time as a few mackerel are being taken at several places on the Nova Scotia coast and Prince Edward Island.

Some mackerel have been taken lately by the fishermen at Magdalenes which is good news for those anticipating going down there.

The seiners arrived are schs. Benjamin A. Smith and Indiana.

August 9.

LIGHT RECEIPTS AT THIS PORT.

One Fare From Quero and One Via Boston.

Receipts of fish at this port today include one of the Quero Bank dory handlining fleet with 160,000 pounds of salt cod, one vessel from Boston with 70,000 pounds of fresh cod, one fare of 15,000 pounds of fresh pollock and 60 barrels of bluebacks.

A number of vessels, which have been out some time, are now due, but the scarcity of bait on the banks will prolong their trips. Several dory handliners, which have been out since spring, are also due, and as they will go on a second trip, should arrive at any time, in order to refit for the fall trip.

The shore fishermen continue to find fish scarce, and returns from this season are nominally nothing.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Indiana, shore, seining, 15,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, seining.

Sch. Lafayette, via Boston.

Sch. Eva Avina, via Boston.

Sch. Lochinvar, via Boston.

Sch. Marian, via Boston.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, seining.

Sch. Lillian, via Boston.

Sch. Gladiator, Quero Bank, 160,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

Sch. John R. Bradley, dory handlining.

Sch. Wm. H. Moody, Georges.

Sch. Eugenia, drifting.

Sch. Pontiac, haddocking.

Sch. Pinta, seining.

Sch. Lillian, swordfishing.

Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, seining.

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Dories Pierced by Swordfish.

Members of the crew of the fishing schooner Lochinvar, which arrived at Boston on Sunday, had an exciting experience on Georges while engaged in a quest for swordfish. Two of the dories were pierced by the sharp sword-like beaks of a couple of monster fish, and the two men in the dories had a narrow escape from serious injury.

Some of the fish gave battle when they felt the sharp thrust of the lilly iron. George Greenleaf went out in a dory after one fish which had been speared. The fish turned about and attacked the dory, driving its 36-inch sword through the bottom of the boat. Greenleaf jumped to the end of the dory just in time to escape. Burt Brigham had a similar experience with another big fish the same day but escaped uninjured.